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The First Central Directorate of the Council of Ministers  
(Pervoe Glavnoe Upravlenie Soveta Ministrov)

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1. This directorate appears to have been created immediately after the end of the war and was first heard of [ ] in 1945. The constitution and work of the directorate has been withheld from the Soviet press, though its existence is generally known to most Soviet government officials. The directorate is not secret in the strictest sense [ ]

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2. [ ] the First Central Directorate, headed by Vannikov, was specially formed in order to deal expeditiously with particularly important and pressing tasks, accorded first priority by the Council of Ministers. In these projects, the high-level cooperation of other ministries concerned is ensured and supervised by Beriya, who, in his capacity of Deputy-Chairman of the Council of Ministers, heads a group of ministries which includes the First Central Directorate, the MVD, and the MGB. Through a system of ministerial committees, Beriya sees that all the resources of the other ministries are placed at the disposal of the First Central Directorate.

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3. [ ] the First Central Directorate is divided into some 80 departments. Among its responsibilities he lists atomic research and production, jet propulsion, and other armaments.
4. The location of the headquarters of the First Central Directorate is in Moscow, but the exact address is unknown [ ]

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Atomic Energy

5. Research on atomic energy is conducted, inter alia, at the Institute of Physical Problems at Moscow under Peter L. Kapitsa (under the Academy of Sciences of the USSR).

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6. Nissan Ilyich Galperin, Doctor of Science, is by profession a mechanical engineer and is employed by the First Central Directorate as consultant on atomic energy. In this connection, he makes automobile journeys under MGB uniformed escort to some place in the vicinity of Moscow. From the fact that Galperin is not a research scientist but a mechanical engineer, [redacted] he is an adviser on the actual construction of plant machinery, perhaps connected with an atomic pile. In 1947, one of Galperin's tasks was to act as consultant on deep fermentation processes of penicillin at the All-Union Institute for Research on Penicillin and Other Antibiotics, Moscow.

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